

Thank you for coming out and sharing your thoughts and ideas about Beaverton's future with me at your NAC meeting. You'll find the topics that we discussed, your feedback and any follow-up below. Of course, my door is always open and I look forward to hearing more from you. My email address is [mayormail@ci.beaverton.or.us](mailto:mayormail@ci.beaverton.or.us) or you can reach me at (503) 526-3700.

- Mayor Denny Doyle

**Note to reader:** These notes reflect the questions and concerns this neighborhood raised during our Meet the Mayor Meeting on Thursday, April 16, 2009. They will not be updated in real time and do not necessarily reflect the current status of the issues addressed. For the most current information please visit the Greenway NAC's monthly meeting minutes.

## HERE'S WHAT WE DISCUSSED...

- **Building relationships within our community:** It's so important to have strong relationships with our regional partners and local businesses. Building more community involvement is an important starting point, I encourage you to volunteer or join a City board or commission.
- **Diversity in our community:** One of my top priorities is to celebrate, integrate, challenge, involve and include everyone that makes up our diverse community. Dozens of local cultural leaders recently attended the first-ever Beaverton Multi-cultural Leadership Forum.
- **The economy:** Our budget has been and continues to be in pretty good shape, but we need to plan for the future and we owe it to our residents to be prudent. I've already set put in place constraints to make sure our budget stays healthy. In addition, we're working with local service organizations to make sure they have the resources they need to take care of the hungry in our community. I'll be asking for your help to make that happen.
- **Bringing family wage jobs to Beaverton:** We'll be focusing on bringing more family wage jobs to Beaverton by actively seeking out business development opportunities such as companies that are complementary to larger nearby manufacturers, green businesses that are a good fit within our community and niche businesses that build upon our strengths. I'm committed to balancing the needs of business with those of the community.
- **Planning for the future:** We need to make sure we have a plan, whether for 10 or 20 or even 30 years, to revitalize our commercial centers and to accommodate anticipated growth here in Beaverton. The Beaverton Community Vision is now on track to deliver that plan, which was created through public input, at the beginning of next year. Urban renewal is one tool we can use to make that happen.
- **125th Street Plan:** The City owns the property, and has added some infrastructure. The route which was approved by the NAC will be the route the City will use. There is not a plan to

change the route. It will cost \$12 million to complete the street plan, it is unlikely that the City will fund the project in the near future.

- **Intersection signal overhaul:** We are going to receive federal funding to sync the lights on Murray, Scholls, Cedar Hills, TV Hwy and Farmington. The project should begin this year.

#### **FOLLOW-UP: THE ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS...**

- **What is Beaverton's downtown?**
  - Broadway, because that was the downtown in the 1950's
  - The Round and Westgate area, including the area surrounding Farmington
  - Watson is the main street of Beaverton
  - Beaverton does not have a downtown
  - The Round is not a good hub
- **What do you consider your shopping area?**
  - 50% stay near the neighborhood for shopping
  - 50% travel a couple of miles or more from the neighborhood to do their shopping
  - For clothing; Washington Square, Fred Meyer, Woodburn
- **What would you like to see in your neighborhood?**
  - More parks
  - Bike paths
  - Less density
  - More stores
  - Traffic lights that work in sync
  - Mixed-use development
  - Meeting space is in short supply
  - Business Center- create spaces for businesses to hold conferences
  - There are few hotels and motels of size in the area
  - Improvement to facilities and infrastructure that are falling apart
  - Sidewalk repair- Mayor suggests calling Code Compliance with the address of the damaged sidewalk
  - Performing arts center
  - We enjoy the Picnics in the Park and the Concert Series in the Park
- **Where is a good place to use urban renewal in the area?**
  - Hall and Watson was a good start
  - Canyon and Broadway have old, rundown buildings that should be replaced
  - Beaverton High School to Watson, South of TV Highway including the three blocks towards the Library
  - Post Office area
  - More parking is needed at The Round to utilize the Max and businesses
- **Should we invest in the arts?**
  - The consensus was yes
  - Use the investment to build a cultural center—we do not need to go through the tunnel for our cultural arts
  - An arts center would invigorate the area

- Kingstad Center (15450 SW Millikan Way) is working on the arts
- Hillsboro has a downtown with theater and art
- **Questions and additional comments from the NAC membership:**
  - The Westgate property... We should utilize the space while we wait for development to occur. Use the space as a park and ride for The Round MAX station. We need a park and ride in the Beaverton area.
  - Where can we find information about volunteering in the Beaverton area? Some opportunities are available on the City's Web site [www.beavertonoregon.gov](http://www.beavertonoregon.gov) including information about NACs, Boards & Commissions, Volunteer Mediators, etc. "Hands on Greater Portland's" Web site includes an easy to use search engine for locating all types of volunteer opportunities in the metro area. [www.handsonportland.org](http://www.handsonportland.org)
  - We need additional food bank sites in the Beaverton area. The requirements for an additional food bank location are; near a bus line and at least 1,000 square feet of storage space.